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SUBJ: ZANZIBAR BROADCAST FACILITIES UPGRADE - RCA VISIT

1. JULY 10 MEETING WITH MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND RCA/NAIROBI (HIGH FIDELITY PRODUCTIONS LTD., MSSRS KAMAO AND ADAGALA) PROVED TO BE EXCELLENT INITIAL DIALOGUE WITH GOZ RE UPGRADING ZANZIBAR'S BROADCASTING FACILITIES. KAMAO AND ADAGALA EASILY AND CONVINCINGLY FIELDLED QUESTIONS FROM GOZ REPS, WHO INCLUDED ENGINEERS AND MANAGERS WHO ARE AND WOULD BE WORKING WITH ZANZIBAR BROADCASTING.

2. GOZ REITERATED ITS INTENTION TO ACQUIRE NEW MEDIUMWAVE AND SHORTWAVE BROADCASTING EQUIPMENT, EXPECTING TO COVER ALL OF ZANZIBAR/PEMBA ON MEDIUM WAVE (SEVERAL BLIND AREAS NOW EXIST), AND TO BE ABLE ON SHORTWAVE BROADCAST TO REACH NOT ONLY EAST AFRICA, BUT ALSO CENTRAL AND NORTHERN AFRICA AND EUROPE. IN THIS CONNECTION GOZ STATED THEY WERE INTERESTED IN BROADCAST EQUIPMENT WHICH COULD BE BEAMED DIRECTIONALLY. GOZ ALSO ASKED FOR PROPOSAL FOR BROADCASTING STUDIOS, AS WELL AS APPROPRIATE STANDBY EQUIPMENT, SPARE PARTS FOR MINIMUM OF TWO YEARS, AND TRAINING PROGRAMS ON ASSEMBLY/OPERATION. GOZ EXPECTS THIS PROJECT TO BE A FISCAL 1976 PURCHASE.

3. KAMAO AND ADAGALA ASSURED ZANZIBARIS RCA WAS QUITE CAPABLE OF SUPPLYING EVERYTHING GOZ HAD MENTIONED, AND COULD PROVIDE BROADCASTING STUDIOS AS PART OF THE BROADCAST FACILITIES UPGRADE. THEY  
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ADVISED ZANZIBARIS THAT AN ENGINEER FROM THEIR NAIROBI FIRM WOULD

VISIT ZANZIBAR WITHIN 30-45 DAYS, CONDUCT NECESSARY SURVEYS, AND CONSULT WITH GOZ ENGINEERS RE SPECIFICS OF EQUIPMENT NEEDED AND/OR REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT.

4. FYI: KAMAO AND ADAGALA TOLD ME PRIVATELY THEY ESTIMATED COST OF PACKAGE GOZ THINKING ABOUT AT 12-15 MILLION KENYAN SHILLINGS (\$1,680,000 - \$2,100,000). THEY ALSO SAID THAT WHILE RCA COULD DELIVER ENTIRE PACKAGE REQUESTED BY GOZ, RCA IN FACT DID NOT MANUFACTURE SHORTWAVE EQUIPMENT ITSELF, BUT WAS IN A POSITION TO OBTAIN SW EQUIPMENT FROM EITHER FRANCE OR BUDAPEST, HUNGARY. (NEITHER KNEW NAMES OF COMPANIES). RCA MANAGER FOR EAST AFRICA SHOULD BE IN AREA IN NEAR FUTURE, AND EXPECT VISIT BY HIM TO ZANZIBAR, POSSIBLY COINCIDING WITH NAIROBI-BASED ENGINEER'S VISIT.  
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